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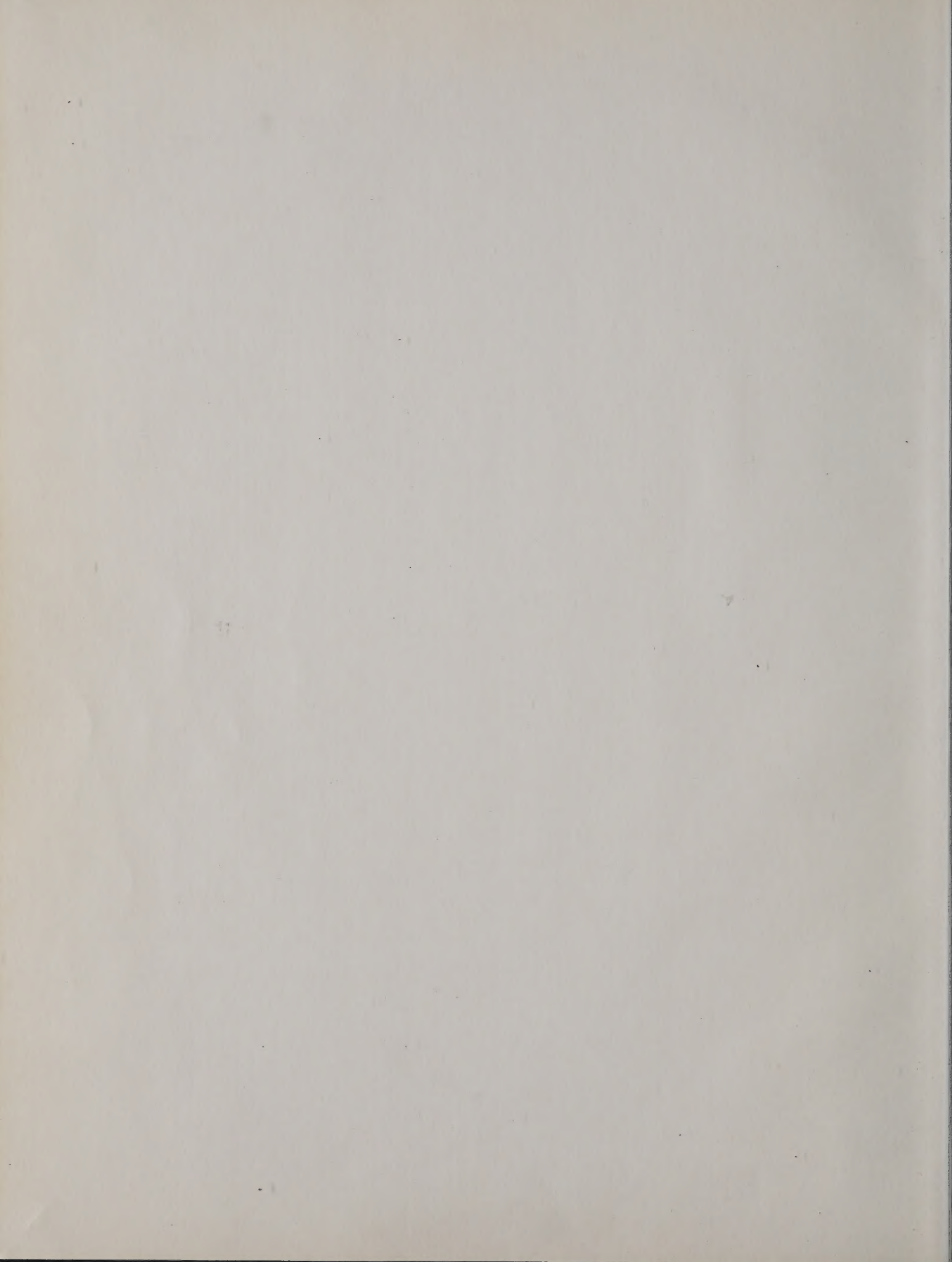
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On January 30, 1803 Knox County, Ohio was established by an act of the legislature. On April 4, 1803 the first election was held. On May 2, 1803, the newly elected Commissioners divided the county into four townships named : Wayne , Clinton , Morgan and Union. As the population grew, other townships were formed from territory contained in the four original ones. Knox County has had four courthouses. The first was a log building , 15 by 18 feet in size. It had no floor. In three or four years a brick courthouse was erected. It had two stories, a pointed roof, a cupola and a bell. By 1814, this building needed repairs. A wall fell in 1828 before ordered repairs were made. The third courthouse was of brick. A windstorm partly destroyed it in 1854. The floors fell and files of the probate court mingled with the rubble. The fourth courthouse built in Knox County is in use today. The periods covered by the three will books cited in this manuscript are as follows :

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